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Note verbale dated 8 June 2000 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and wishes to refer to the issue of the travel limitations and restrictions imposed by the authorities of the host country upon some permanent missions accredited to the United Nations, including the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, as well as on staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities.

On 15 May 2000, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations submitted to the United States Mission to the United Nations a travel authorization beyond the 25-mile zone in favour of H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, in response to an invitation of the Board of Governors and members of Town Hall Los Angeles Forum.

The authorities of the host country denied orally the travel authorization request with the argument that the trip of the Ambassador of Cuba had no relation whatsoever to the official business of the United Nations.

The travel limitations and restrictions imposed by the authorities of the host country upon the Cuban personnel are all the more incongruent in the light of the successive resolutions adopted by consensus by the General Assembly, under the item related to the Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country. In total disregard of the provisions of the resolutions of the General Assembly, the host country continues to impose travel restrictions arbitrarily and for political motives on the staff of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations denounces the failure of the authorities of the United States of America to comply with the decisions of the General Assembly and requests the authorities of the host country to take the necessary steps in full compliance with international law, particularly with the provisions of the international legal instruments on diplomatic privileges and immunities to which the Government of the United States is a party, to give a satisfactory reply to the repeated demands by the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations that its rights be respected in relation to the travel control being imposed on its staff members.

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